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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003 (Paper No. 12), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.